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SHARP criticism of French military policy in Indo-China is developing in Allied military circles here following the spectacular Vietnamese Communist offensive against Laos. The French claim that the Vietnamese attack was frustrated. They point out that the danger to Luang Prabang, the Laos capital, has been lifted, and that the enemy now shows signs of concentrating his forces in the north around Nam Ha, leaving two regiments of the 204th division to cover French defenses on the Plain de Jarres and offer a token threat to Palawan and the administrative capital of Vientiane. Other observers, stressing that these dispositions are suitable for a renewal of the Vietnamese attack once the rainy season ends, say that the Laos operation, whatever its ulterior purpose, has had one effect — to underline the frightening extent to which the Vietnamese hold the initiative in Indo-China.

FRENCH Union forces are numerically superior in the field. There is a hard core of 130,000 regulars, of which 60,000 are European French and the rest North African, Senegalese and Foreign Legionnaires. These are supported by 265,000 Vietnamese troops, militia and auxiliaries. The army has enough tanks and light and medium artillery. It can call upon an all-purpose air force, and it includes eight parachute battalions. The Vietnamese have 120,000 regulars and 200,000 local militia who are only employed when fighting develops in their areas. The regulars are formed into seven divisions, armed with Russian and Czech weapons.

BUT the Vietnamese have infiltrated more than twenty thousand men into the Delta, and the other Franco-Vietnamese garrisons have to be supplied by a complex system of air-bridges for they are virtually cut off from their base by vast tracts of wild country in which the Vietnamese are masters. French movement is almost exclusively limited to roads over which they have established some temporary control. Not only are the Vietnamese constantly developing their air-bridges, but they are also using the vulnerable main routes and to ambush French columns which are confined to them. They hold the part of Vinh and the main road which runs westwards from there to the Plain de Jarres. Supported by munitions arriving by junk from army depots on the Chinese island of Hainan opposite Vinh, they use this road with impunity for supplying their troops in Laos. No one has yet heard of French Union forces ambushing the Vietnamese.

Observations believe that the French are unable to make their superior weight tell for two reasons. The first is a dangerous lack of military intelligence. Terrified of merciless Vietnamese reprisals, the local population constantly gives information to the Communists, while refusing it to the French. When the French attack, the forwardmost elements are almost always dispersed, and the pledge of support invariably falls on nothing. On their side, the French depend on seasonal air reconnaissance for information on the movements of the Vietnamese, who repeatedly achieve complete surprise with their attacks. This may be hard to remedy, but there is talk here of shortcomings more directly attributable to the French Command. Faced with a flexible and elusive enemy, a master of infiltration tactics, the French army, it is alleged, has completely failed to adapt itself to this war.

ALTHOUGH sweeping statements are dangerous, it is still generally true to say today that French commanders will not send their men off the beaten tracks and will not attempt infiltration tactics. They plan no night operations and almost no night patrols. Even day patrolling is little more than perfunctory. They never use even their parachute units in less than battalion strength. It is as if they felt that, superior in numbers, more heavily armed, and with the tradition of Austro-Prussian fighting, they should be permitted to fight the war their way. In many areas, it is reported, French troops and civilian commandos, full of fighting spirit, are constantly frustrated by the inflexible and cautious tactical policy of their superiors.

Paris, May 21.
AFTER MIDNIGHT
Thailand Ambassador Pao Hsien-chang said in Washington yesterday that his country would not send troops to fight in the U.S. Eastern Command area. He said that a Soviet agent had been caught in the South China Sea area, and that the U.S. Eastern Command was not to be involved in the Vietnam situation.

Truce Talks Held Up As U.S. and Allies Consult

TOKYO, Wednesday (UP). — Authoritative sources said yesterday that last-minute British objections to an Allied compromise plan for breaking the Korean truce deadlock might have delayed its presentation to the Communists.

Dulles and Nehru Confer on Korea

NEW DELHI, Wednesday (AP). — Prime Minister Nehru and U.S. Secretary of State Dulles met privately tonight. Mr. Dulles arrived on a three-day visit early today. Authoritative sources state that the Korean truce deadlock heads the agenda of both leaders.

American Embassy researchers worked overtime to meet a last-minute request by the Secretary of State for a report on the history of Indian voting on the Korean issue in the U.N. since 1950. When earlier Mr. Dulles, Mutual Security Administrator Harold Stassen and their nine-member party, accompanied by Ambassador George Allen, paid a 20-minute courtesy call on Nehru, the Premier liberally talked about the weather, describing the scientific aspects of the dust storms now sweeping Delhi. But Dulles' aides said that special arrangements had been made to permit a private conversation at the end of a dinner party at Nehru's house.

After laying a wreath today at Rajghat, site of Mahatma Gandhi's cremation, Dulles and Stassen listened to Indian Finance Minister Deshmukh and the Government. Plans for a U.S. aid for more than \$10,000,000, U.S. aid during the next three years. A Planning Commission spokesman announced at the end of a two-hour session between Dulles, Stassen and commission members, that the main item of discussion was the gap in financial resources necessary to implement successfully our five-year plan, and how U.S. assistance can help shorten this gap.

Demonstration Fails
A Communist attempt to stage a demonstration in front of the airport today backfired in more ways than one. Two hundred Communist street demonstrators carrying black flags and signs declaring "Washington goes back," "Sound the alarm for the East," and "Let us for the East," were in the hot sun for three hours. Police confined the demonstrators in a prison camp for a few hours, explaining that they would have to go back to their homes. The American party arrived in India from Saudi Arabia, where they had been on a tour of the Middle East affairs with King Ibn Saud, Crown Prince Saud and Prince Faisal. The party was met by the Saudi ambassador, Prince Faisal, at the airport.

Sharett Reports On Talks with Dulles
The Knesset Foreign Affairs and Security Committee met at the Foreign Ministry in Haifa on Tuesday evening. The Foreign Minister, Mr. M. Sharett, and the Speaker of the Knesset, Mr. Y. Sprinzak, attended. Mr. Sharett reviewed the talks with the U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, and those in his party. The committee, which includes the principal policy questions of peace, refugees, Jerusalem, security and economic aid was discussed at the meeting.

The Foreign Minister also reported on his visit to the Latin American countries, on his impressions of Jewish communities in those countries, and on the cultural and economic agreements signed by Israel and those States.

Soviet Peace Drive Slows Europe Arming

WASHINGTON, Wednesday. — The Supreme Allied Commanders General Ridgway told Senators yesterday that the Soviet "peace offensive" has slowed down the military build-up in Europe. He stated before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee that Soviet moves had a "re-orientation" of the Western world's defense preparations. The effect, he said, had been a tendency in some nations "to put off the evil day of decision of assumption of unpleasant burdens."

Differences With U.S. Not Serious, Churchill Says

LONDON, Wednesday (UP). — Prime Minister Churchill said today that Anglo-American differences were certainly not great enough to warrant specially inviting President Eisenhower to London to settle them.

Mr. Churchill said it would not be wise to use the atom bomb in Korea at present and that he did not think the U.S. has any idea of doing it. He was challenged by the Laborite Opposition on a recent statement by General Neilson, Twining, U.S. Air Force Chief of Staff-designate, that one of the atom bombs in Korea was being considered.

Mr. Churchill admitted in the Commons that there are some difficulties between the two countries, "caused by quite reasonable differences of opinion." But he said he was sure that they could be solved through regular channels in view of all the friendly contacts between the two countries.

The Premier said that he hoped Mr. Eisenhower would visit Britain during his Presidency, but emphasized that he trusted the visit would be because of the agreement between the two countries and not any disagreement.

TO PROVIDE TEXT

LONDON, Wednesday (UP). — Prime Minister Churchill yesterday ordered that in the future the texts of important foreign policy speeches by him and his successors should be made available immediately to Washington to help prevent Anglo-American misunderstandings.

GRONYKO LUNCHEON WITH GASCOIGNE

MOSCOW, Wednesday (Reuter). — Deputy Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko lunched at the British Embassy here yesterday with Ambassador Sir Alvaro Gascoigne and Mr. Harold Wilson, British Labour M.P.

Mr. Wilson is in Moscow for talks on the export of Russian timber to Britain. He is also a London timber importing firm.

Argentine Lifts Ban On US News Agencies

BUENOS AIRES, Wednesday (UP). — Argentine reception of world news from American agencies was resumed last night. The Ministry of Communications authorized the United Press and Associated Press to turn on its private radioprinters, and the International News Service was told that its local wire distribution system would be restored.

2 Dutch Pilots Killed In Plane Collision

RYDHOWEN, ANGLESEA, N. WALES, Wednesday (Reuter). — The pilots of two single-engine planes belonging to the Royal Netherlands Navy were killed when they collided in the air near here last night.

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Ike Urges No Tax Cuts in 1953 As Finances Critical

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He asked that no tax cuts be made this year. The President's message to the House and Senate was largely a restatement of the tax and defense policies he announced last night in a radio report to the country. Today's presentation was considerably more technical.

Mr. Eisenhower said that he thinks the scheduled 10 per cent cut in personal income tax "can and should" be made effective next January 1, but there should be no reduction in any tax rates during 1953.

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Calls for 'Independence Battle'

FAYID, Wednesday (Reuter). — Shooting and stoning incidents against troops in the Canal Zone garrison were reported today as the British Defence Coordination Committee met. A spokesman reported that shots were fired during the night at a British cold storage plant near Suez, but there were no casualties. One sapper was hurt when Egyptians stoned a military lorry driving through Fanara village last night. Elsewhere there was cable cutting.

The Defence Coordination Committee met for three hours to discuss the position in the light of last night's speech by Prime Minister Nagib.

More U.S. Aid Asked For Arab Refugees

WASHINGTON, Wednesday (UP). — Acting Secretary of State, Walter Bedell Smith, told members of Congress today that the problem of Arab refugees in the Middle East must be solved at least partly by permanent economic improvements in the Arab countries.

He urged that Congress approve a two-year extension of the refugee aid programme beyond June 30, 1954, maintain the target of \$200m. as expenditures for work projects and increase the original relief fund by \$50m. "It is unreasonable to expect Arab countries to accept refugees as workers unless means are available to improve the conditions of their own citizens at the same time," he said.

A condensed text of Mr. Smith's testimony follows: "It is my purpose to outline the nature of the refugee problem and the efforts of the United Nations Relief and Works Administration to solve the problem of the unhappy Palestinians who lost their homes and property in what is now Israel."

Our conclusions are that this is a world problem which it is proper for the United Nations to deal with. We should continue to support the U.N.R.W.A. in its efforts... We hope that we can look to Congress for continued support. Part concern for this unfortunate group is justified on grounds of our own interests and common humanity... As a result of hostilities, upward of 3,000,000 Arabs living in the British Mandate of Palestine in 1948 lost their homes and possessions. The vast majority of these people have received no compensation for their property, and many express the desire to be repatriated. While 160,000 or more of these people have been able to find homes of their own, the remainder, the majority, are still in the U.N.R.W.A. camps. The U.N.R.W.A. is not static, as our best evidence indicates that the refugee population is growing at the rate of 15,000 annually, or about 100,000 in all.

Iraq Rejects Foreign Military Links

BAGHDAD, Wednesday (AP). — Iraq Defence Minister Nuri Said said today that Government policy does not aim at binding the country with any military obligations abroad.

Egyptian Correspondent 'Escapes' Censorship

BEIRUT, Wednesday (AP). — The "New York Daily News" Cairo correspondent, an Egyptian subject, has been ordered to return immediately to Egypt regarding a story he filed that eggs were thrown at Secretary of State Dulles during his Egyptian visit. It was stated here.

UNKNOWN GUNMEN KILL TUNIS SHEIK

TUNIS, Wednesday (AP). — Unidentified assailants shot and killed Mohammed Mokdad, Sheik of Sid Askar, early this morning. His body was found pierced by two bullets.

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Social & Personal

The President held a Shabbat party at his home yesterday. Some 50 guests were present.

The Foreign Minister and Mrs. Ben-Zion, and the U.S. Charge d'Affaires and Mrs. Russell were among the guests who attended the Shabbat party.

Professor Norman Ben-Zion, Vice-Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Hebrew University, returned to London on Monday by air.

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BUILDING DECLINE HITS EMPLOYMENT

POST Labor Correspondent

ACCORDING to the statistics class the building industry experienced a downward trend in 1952. Figures from the Central Bureau of Statistics confirm that the building boom came to an end with the introduction of N.E.P. and the accompanying rise in prices of building materials.

While 1,308,481 square meters of building were begun in 1951, the corresponding figure for 1952 was only 653,156. The index for building costs rose to 280.9 points in March (taking July, 1950, as 100). The main reason for this is the rise in wages and in the price of cement.

The downward trend in building has three main consequences. People are dismissed from work and as a result the number of unemployed is increasing; all industry connected with building suffers; and the urgent problem of housing decently that part of the population which has no accommodation cannot be solved.

There are two opinions among contractors and private builders as to the prospects of improving the situation; those who see the present position as the inevitable result of developments characterized by a lack of funds and expect improvements only when the general position improves. Their argument runs roughly as follows: A two-room flat costs somewhere around IL50 a month. The worker or official earns no more than IL150 a month today. He is therefore obliged to spend a third of his earnings on rent and this he is unable to do. As long, therefore, as building costs do not go down and as long as the present economic difficulties persist, there is not much hope for the building trade to pick up again.

This school of thought does not believe that there is a possibility of attracting considerable foreign investments into the country for housing projects. They point to the fact that foreign investors will expect a fixed return of say between eight and ten per cent for their money; that they cannot be sure that this will be forthcoming; that our building index is high and therefore interest rates must be fixed at so high a level as to be prohibitive or the net return will be low.

Contractors' Hope

There are other private contractors who look forward to a stream of investments once foreign currency controls are abolished. They point to past experience when Jews abroad considered a house in Israel a sound investment and often came to settle here later. They believe that the small capitalist in the United States would be glad to build a house in this country and draw rent for a few years, thus forging a link with Israel. But they emphasize that schemes of this sort will be possible once currency controls are abolished.

Histadrut Supports

Overturn Ban

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — The problems of overturning the ban on the grading of roads and the grading of roads by the Histadrut Union Department of the National Committee and the Executive of Soli Boneh.

The Department resolved that Soli Boneh had been authorized to cancel overtime and was in line with the decision of the Histadrut barring overtime. It was also resolved that general provisions of the Executive of Soli Boneh and the Engineers' Committee were requested to renew the negotiations on an equitable basis.

EL AL GETTING KASHER KITCHENS IN LONDON

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — A central kasher kitchen to supply food to El Al planes on the Trans-Atlantic and all European routes is to be opened at London Airport shortly, the Israel Air Lines announced recently. Two large buildings have been put at the disposal of El Al by the Airport authorities to serve as "meat" and "milk" kitchens. The construction and equipping is being carried out by the British Government's Public Works Department.

The kitchens will be under the supervision of the Rabbinical authorities in London. The airline has, until now, always provided kasher food to its passengers, but has had to overcome very great difficulties in obtaining it at intermediate points.

UNIONS — American labor union membership was estimated at between 14.5 and 17 million workers in the 1952-53 period, according to the U.S. Department of Labor.

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(A) Humidity at 3 p.m. (B) Min. temp. (C) Max. temp. yesterday

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MORE THAN 7,000 visitors yesterday attended the "Seed to Fruit" exhibition sponsored by Magen David Adom at the Tel Aviv Museum. The exhibition is closing at 7 o'clock this evening.

THE FOURTH convoy went out to Mount Scopus on Tuesday with supplies and change of guard. It was accompanied by a unit of the Israel Defense Forces.

TOLD THAT his daughter had fallen off a bus, a Nazareth man rushed to the scene of the accident and took the injured girl to the Nazareth Hospital yesterday. After a successful operation, he found that the girl was not his daughter, but 11-year-old Aliza Abu Sina, who resembled her.

FOR BEING in possession of timed meat which was stolen from an army canteen, a 17-year-old youth was sentenced to three months in prison by the Jerusalem District Court.

ALL 150-170 in the Ramle area were registered by Ministry of Health officials during the last few days. CHANGED WITH breeding pigs without a permit, a woman from the Ramle Municipality, Yaffa, was fined 100 sheqels by the Jerusalem District Court.

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Communist Arab Union To Vote on Disbanding

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The Congress was founded in Haifa in 1945 by left-wing Arab labor leaders, sponsored by the Communist League for National Liberation. The Congress has branches in Haifa, Jaffa, Acre and in several villages.

H.U. Students Told Not To Register for Exams

POST University Correspondent

Students of the Hebrew University have been instructed by the Students' Association not to register for any examinations until the University authorities agree to rescind the order demanding a 100 sheqel payment from students taking end-of-the-year examinations.

The students' claim that the University's order was contrary to the agreement not to increase fees this year, as examination fees formed part of the general payment of the students.

Widespread dissatisfaction is also felt by the Medical students at the announcement that in future students doing their post-graduate intern service in hospitals would not receive salaries.

At a general meeting of the students and post-graduates on Sunday, it was decided to forbid any medical student to perform his intern service without payment.

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The Court ordered Misan confined in a mental home during the pleasure of the Minister of Justice. Dr. H. Weing, Director of the Keren Nehem Mental Home in Jerusalem, where the accused was discovered by the police, testified in the Magistrate's Court that Misan would be unable to understand the charge leveled against him, and would be in no position to defend himself. His release would jeopardize public peace, the doctor added.

According to the hospital authorities, Misan was committed into their custody by the Kupat Holim in March. Some time later, he made several unilluminating references to the murder of the young girl and eventually, it is alleged, confessed to his doctors that he had committed the crime. The police were notified, and in the company of several doctors and plainclothesmen, Misan allegedly pointed out the place where he had first seen Rahel and the spot where he had violated her.

According to the Attorney General, Mr. H. Cohen, however, who called a press conference following the commitment of the accused to the mental home by the Chief Magistrate, Misan, was traced by means of a wrench found next to the dead girl. Police scoured workshops in Tel Aviv and Ramat Gan in an attempt to trace the owner of the tool by the special markings found on it. The wrench was finally traced to a workshop near Herta and Paul Amir, whose owner, Herta Amir, was arrested and taken to a mental home, where, he said, one of his workers was hospitalized.

The police had no doubts concerning the guilt of Misan, Mr. Cohen said, despite the fact that Misan claimed he had been with his wife throughout the day of the crime, in addition to the confession of the police, the fact that the wrench found next to the dead girl was traced to a workshop near Herta and Paul Amir, whose owner, Herta Amir, was arrested and taken to a mental home, where, he said, one of his workers was hospitalized.

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Western Galilee Brings Fruits

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Nahariya has started its holiday season with hundreds of guests staying here for Shavuot. Many will remain here tomorrow also to attend the "Miss Galilee 1953" competition. About 20 boats from the North will compete for the title and judging will start on the beach tomorrow morning.

On Monday, Israel Shamir, of Ein Hachanani settlement, established a new sheep-shearing record, cropping 67 animals in one day's work at the shearing which took place at Evron. The previous record, 64 sheep in a day, was set up last year. On the average, one man shears from 35 to 40 sheep by hand daily.

SHAVUOT STOPS POLICE INVESTIGATION

RAMLE, Wednesday (ITSS).—A member of Kibbutz Shalhevet, Asher Diteh, 35, was wounded by the accidental discharge of a two bullets from a Shmuel's gun while the two men were on guard on Monday night. Police who arrived on the spot had to return when the kibbutz Secretariat refused to submit particulars because of Shavuot. Shalhevet is a Poleset Agudat Israel settlement. The wounded settler was taken to the Assaf Harofa Hospital.

SAMARITANS WANT SCHOOL IN NABLUS

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Essential services in the Municipal Hospital and in the maternity hospital in Hakiryia were to be maintained, but clinics throughout the city will be closed, a spokesman said. The strike has been approved by the Medical Association.

After negotiations with the Municipality, the doctors agreed to have their increment in pay (averaging 10 to 15 percent) dated from September, 1952. The municipality insisted on fixing the operative date at January, 1953.

Dr. E. Shinn of the Hadassah Hospital, who heads the Association of Municipal Physicians, told THE POST tonight that Mr. I. Rokach, while still Mayor of Tel Aviv, repeatedly promised the doctors that they would receive whatever the Government doctors received. Dr. Shinn said that the Government doctors were getting their back pay from April 1951.

Mr. Haim Levanan, the Mayor, claims that the doctors' demand is unjust, since the Municipality could not sustain the burden of such payments.

Municipal councilmen stated tonight that a sum of 10,000 sheqels for the 150 physicians was a small sum, and that the municipality was not in a position to make such a payment.

HERBON REMANDED FOR 15 DAYS

TEL AVIV, Wednesday (ITSS).—"What 15 days? I will obviously stay much longer," Yitzhak Herbon, 31, who allegedly murdered Yitzhak Cohen, 24, on Sunday, told Magistrate B. Giladi after being remanded in 15 days' custody yesterday.

Before the remand, Herbon reminded the Magistrate that he had released him on bail when he was brought up on a theft charge some two weeks ago. "Amn't you sorry I released you?" the Magistrate asked. The accused answered "Why? Now I have a clear conscience."

Large numbers of newspapermen, photographers, inquisitive onlookers, and friends of the murdered man waited in the main building of the Magistrate's Court at 35 Rehov Yehuda Halevi.

ARRESTED FOR TRYING TO CHOKER BABY

TEL AVIV, Wednesday (ITSS).—Frightened parents brought a neighbor to North Bilton's but she was arrested for trying to choke her baby on Monday when Yosef Finkelstein, 35, of the same neighborhood was allegedly found choking her three-month-old baby girl as she lay in her cradle.

He was arrested and the baby was taken to the Jaffa general hospital for treatment. Police believe that Finkelstein was not responsible for his action, due to a mental illness.

SIAMESE TWINS BORN IN NOVA SCOTIA

INVERNESS, NOVA SCOTIA, Wednesday (UP).—Siamese twins born to a garage-man's wife were reported "just about the same" today and hospital attendants said their chances of living "remain to be seen."

Dr. Ronald Ritchie, a child specialist from Halifax, arrived at the hospital to examine the boys born yesterday to 20-year-old Mrs. Maxie Wyman. It was the woman's first pregnancy and she was reported "well and doing fine." The twins, joined at the abdomen, weighed a total of 25 pounds.

RILEY'S FAREWELL TOUR OF ARAB CAPITALS

General William R. Riley, U.N. Chief of Staff, arrived in Beirut yesterday on his farewell tour of the Arab capitals. "A-Diffa," the Old City daily, reports. He is due in Cairo today.

"Palastin," the other Old City daily, says that persons close to the Mixed Armistice Commission rejected a suggestion by officials of the Truce Supervision Organization that a party be held in the Old City in Gen. Riley's honor. The paper quotes these persons as saying that they could not give a party for a man who has on his conscience "the deaths of hundreds of victims of Israeli aggression."

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Israel to Receive 'Sizeable' U.S. Aid

WASHINGTON, Wednesday (UP).

Israel is earmarked to receive a sizeable amount of technical aid and special assistance under two different sections of the 1953 bill.

The exact amount of financial assistance for Israel is not yet known. She will receive money for development and technical aid, and from a section providing \$100m. for special assistance for Near East and South Asian nations. The latter includes funds to help with the refugee problem in both Israel and the Arab States.

Military aid to either Israel or the Arab States is still forbidden under the agreement under which the U.S. and Great Britain agreed to withhold arms from the area in order to prevent new fighting in the Israeli-Arab war, which is technically still in progress.

Foreign affairs committee members, who asked that their names not be used, told the U.P. yesterday that any military aid for Israel would be contingent on several events:

1. Settlement of the Arab war; 2. Settlement of the Middle-Eastern defense alliance; 3. Recommendations made by Secretary of State Dulles and Mutual Security Director Stassen on their return from a tour of the area.

Meanwhile, Republican representative Francis P. Sweeney, Chairman of the Middle East Subcommittee on the Middle East, introduced a bill which would direct the U.S. to make a survey of the Arab refugee problem in the Near East and report its findings to Congress.

In the making of a report and recommendations, the bill would, special consideration shall be given to the needs of the people who are suffering from the consequences of the Arab war.

N.Y. Puerto Ricans To Sell Israel Bonds

NEW YORK, Wednesday (UP).—Leaders of the Jewish and Puerto Rican communities here on Monday organized a joint committee to aid the sale of Israel Bonds and to handle minority problems.

Mr. Jaime Benitez, a Puerto Rican leader of the Democratic Party, announced the establishment of the committee at a luncheon in honor of Raimundo Medina, the first Puerto Rican prisoner-of-war released by the Communists in Korea.

Mr. Benitez said that a preliminary meeting had been held on Monday morning, at which Mr. Jose N. Cortes, of the New York State Democratic Party, and Mr. Henry Montor, Executive Vice-President of the Bond Drive, had been elected co-Chairmen. The aim of the committee is to tackle the mutual problems of the Jewish and Puerto Rican communities anywhere in the world. As a first step, the committee had decided to join in helping the Bond Drive. Mr. Benitez added that \$5,000 in bonds had already been sold in Puerto Rico.

J.P.A. PASSES HALF MARK

LONDON, Wednesday (INA).—The Joint Palestine Appeal headquarters have announced that the first million pounds of the two million pound target of the United Kingdom has been passed this week.

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REGISTRATION OF NEW STUDENTS

Registration of new students for the academic year 1952/53 will continue only through Friday, May 20, 1953. Candidates for admission may submit their applications to the Academic Secretariat, Room 28, at the Technion, any weekday between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Details and necessary application forms may be obtained on the spot.

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